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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. United States Patent No. 4,756,303, issued to Kawashima, et al., dated July 12, 1988;

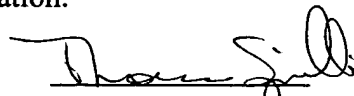
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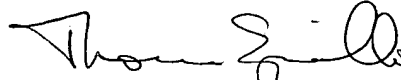
2. United States Patent No. 5,876,331, issued to Wu, et al., dated March 2, 1999;
3. United States Patent No. 4,799,474, issued to Ueda, Yasuhiro, dated January 24, 1989;
4. United States Patent No. 4,616,631, issued to Takahashi, Nagashige, dated October 14, 1986;
5. United States Patent No. 4,782,819, issued to Adair, Edwin L., dated November 8, 1988; and
6. Japanese Unexamined Model Publication No. 2-58401, dated April 26, 1990 together with an English language abstract.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the above listed references are not provided, as reference 6 was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed August 17, 2001 and references 1-5 were previously cited by the Examiner in connection with parent case, U.S. Serial Number: 09/931,847 filed on August 17, 2001.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the art provided may be material to the examination of the present application as filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		4,756,303	07/12/1988	Kawashima, et al.			
		5,876,331	03/02/1999	Wu, et al.			
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO
		2-58401	4/26/1990	Japan				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS**    *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*


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